

Below is the proposed itinerary for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Meet in Santiago in the afternoon

Meet in Santiago in the afternoon at the hotel. After our get-to-know you meeting, dinner at a restaurant near the hotel

DAY 2

Leave Santiago to begin our journey to the sea

Santiago to Negreira. We leave Santiago from the Cathedral square, taking small streets to a park on the edge of the city. An easy ascent takes us to our last view of the Santiago Cathedral, before heading west on small roads through forests and villages, up a bigish hill and down at last to lovely Maceiras bridge and village. A trail along the river and a paved road take us to Negreira. About 20.6kms / 12.8 miles. Rolling, medium big hill between second breakfast and lunch.

DAY 3

Walk through forests, pastures and beautiful field to Santa Marina

Negreira to Santa Marina/Maroñas. A maze of lovely forested roads take us to second breakfast, almost at our day's high point. After that we walk mostly asphalt through pastures and cultivated fields to lunch and beyond to van pickup point; there are no hotels in the right place so we'll transfer forward, driving around the high area we traverse the next day. About 20kms / 12 miles.

DAY 4

Hike to the top of Monte Aro and down - free afternoon for relaxing

4 Santa Marina/ Maroñas to Olveiroa. Transfer back to where we ended the day before and walk back to Olveiroa, climbing almost to the top of Monte Aro along the way, with very nice views on the way up and down. Since it is a short day, we'll be back in Olveiroa in time for lunch, relaxing, washing socks, journaling or taking photos of the many stone "cohorreos" (corn cribs) in the village. About 13.20kms / 8.2 miles.

DAY 5

Continue today to Cee visit the Virgin of the Snow Chapel that we pass. First glimpse of the sea.

Olveiroa to Cee. We start with a climb, almost to the windmills then have downs and ups before final ascent to Hospital crossroads, where some pilgrims turn off towards Muxia and others (like us) head for Finisterre. After Hospital crossroads we cross open fields - if the day is clear, we get our first view of the sea - then fields and forests take us past a traditional stone cross to the Virgin of the Snow chapel. After a rest at the chapel, a relatively gentle climb with glimpses of the sea takes us up to San Pedro chapel. Just after this chapel we have splendid view of the coast, with our day's destination and part of our route for the next day clearly visible, then a steep descent takes us to seaside Cee. About 20 kms / 12.03 miles. Rolling, two ascents, one bigish descent.

DAY 6

Continue our journey to Finisterre to the "0" kilometer Camino marker

Cee à€“ Finisterre. A shorter day, partly along the coast and partly just back from the coast, again through villages and forests. A last short descent with a pretty view takes us to the road into Finisterre: great photo op with the trail leading right towards the sea. At Finisterre most pilgrims walk out to the lighthouse to see the view and the à€œ0à€ kilometer marker. This rocky cape was considered the à€œEnd of the Earthà€ in medieval times: pilgrims traditionally burned their clothes and threw their shoes into the sea, symbolizing the end of the journey and the beginning of a new life. (today this is not allowed for sustainability and fire hazard). About 12kms / 7.46 miles. Finisterre to lighthouse and back, about 7.00kms / 4.34miles

DAY 7

Walk along the coast to Lires

Finisterre à€“ Lires. Today weà€™ll take roads less travelled to stay along the coast. Shortly after Finisterre we leave the marked path to walk a quiet paved road behind Rostro beach à€“ if weather and tides permit, we can walk part of the distance on the beach. Then after a short hill and a bit of forest, again we leave the marked trail to do a pretty loop through a pine forest with views of seaside bluffs and a lovely, almost deserted beach before reaching Lires. About 13kms / 8.02 miles. Gentle hills.

DAY 8

Last day on trail Mostly inland route through hamlets and forests into Muxia.

Lires à€“ Muxia. Our last day on the trail starts with a bit of forest and a newish bridge almost too big for the road à€“ with the stepping stones of the old ford visible just downstream. Todayà€™s route is mostly inland: a gentle up takes us through tiny villages, with the last, somewhat steeper part again almost accessing windmills on the ridge. A long gentle down through the forest takes us to a beach a few kilometers from Muxia; from there it is a stroll along the access road to reach our pretty destination. Muxia is known for handmade lace and for the Virgin of the Boat chapel, out on a rocky point, site of an ancient fertility cult. For locals this is one of the most beloved shrines in all of northwest Spain, and even for non- locals, ità€™s the perfect setting for the end of a journey. About 14.6kms / 9.07 miles.

DAY 9

Breakfast and transfer back to Santiago

Breakfast and transfer back to Santiago on our private bus, arriving in Santiago around 11:30AM. Bus dropoff at bus station and at airport.